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## Urge President to 'Spell It Out'

President Kennedy has made no final decision on whether to send Congress a deficit spending package to meet the problem of continuing unemployment. A number of proposals, including youth conservation camps, are still under study and the final decision will depend in part upon the size of the additional amounts that the President decides to recommend for defense and space.



The President is being urged by some to make a national speech detailing the sacrifices that citizens can make in response to the Soviet challenge. He has been criticized by some commentators for failing to spell out the nature of the sacrifices that are required. The problem is that the real need is for more taxes to pay for more army divisions, an expanded space program and other ingredients of the competition with Russia.

Pentagon experts do not believe that the military pressures for resumption of underground nuclear testing will be so great, if the test ban negotiations at Geneva are suspended, that the President will be denied the opportunity to make a calculated decision on the desirability of resuming. The big military urge is to increase the weight efficiency of nuclear material in order to facilitate the development of an anti-ICBM weapon.

The rumors that Edward R. Murrow is unhappy in his post as USIA director are untrue as far as any informed source

knows. The reports apparently derived from the fact that Murrow was not among those whom the President consulted on the Cuban invasion. But this did not seriously disturb the veteran broadcaster and he is said to be enjoying his new responsibilities tremendously.

James Carr, the Under Secretary of the Interior who has received considerably less publicity than the Secretary, Stewart Udall, has a background of working for public power in California. His brother works for a California private utility. Carr once observed, "Blood is thicker than everything—except falling water."

Navy Secretary John Connally is the most successful to date of the new service secretaries and he is rated highly by Secretary McNamara and the Pentagon hierarchy. He is, in fact, one of the names being discussed as next director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

There is some White House indignation at press criticism of the White House professors for the Cuban failure. Two of the three men from Cambridge in the White House, Walter Rostow and Arthur Schlesinger had nothing to do with the decision. Rostow became involved only to the extent of assisting the CIA in the bad period after the landing had failed and Schlesinger was the only man in the administration to speak out strongly against the project. The third professor, McGeorge Bundy, was an advocate of the plan, but his influence is not believed to have waned. Bundy is now installing a map room for future crises in the basement of the White House.